

(g) whether such scorings were deliberately made; if so, by whom;

(h) whether any officer has initialled as against the scored off portions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The Chairman.

(b) Enquiries that were deemed necessary for the preparation of the list were made by the Chairman.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) The list is composed of sheets tied together.

(f) Yes.

(g) Yes; by the authority responsible for its preparation.

(h) Yes.

Age-limit of officers in service.

308. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the rule is still in force that Government officers should retire when they are 55 years of age;

(b) whether the rule is being strictly enforced in all cases;

(c) how the ages of officers are ascertained and checked?

Mr. P. V. Subramanja Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. As far as possible.

(c) Vide Article 203, C. S. R. and C. A. C. Article 36 (b) and S. O. No. 7 (ii).

Petition against Police Inspector—enquiry regarding.

309. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state the following:—

(a) whether a petition dated 21st Chingam 1108 was not received by the Commissioner of Police signed by Valaviparambil Kanda Kocho and twenty-seven others of Edacochi desam complaining of misconduct on the part of the Cochin Cusba Inspector Mr. N. I. Krishna Menon;

(b) whether the said Kocho was not the first signatory to the above petition;

(c) whether any enquiry was conducted in regard to those allegations; and if so, by whom and with what result?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The matter was enquired into by the D. S. P. and the Commissioner of Police. The allegations in the petitions were very vague and the petitioners were not able to give any specific instance to support the allegations.